“So now, please forgive the spiteful deeds of the servants of your father’s G-d.” And Yosef wept when they spoke to him. 
Breishtis 50:17

When Yaakov passed away the brothers again appealed to Yosef to forgive them for their past misdeeds. Their plea stressed the word “v’ata” (so now), which meant to say that especially now after Yaakov’s death there was an added reason for Yosef to forgive them. After a father’s passing, the children should look for ways to honor his memory and bring an Aliyas Neshama to him in the world of truth. The brothers were saying to Yosef not to take revenge upon them which would tear apart the unity of the family and cause Yaakov great pain in the world to come. Because what could be a bigger disgrace to the memory of a parent then the children fighting and quarreling after he or she is gone. When Yosef heard this, he burst into tears of disbelief that the brothers would accuse him of such a thing. There is a great lesson to be learned from here. When a parent passes away, the children look for ways to do things to elevate their soul, whether it is giving charity, studying mishnayos or donating Torah books to a Shul or Yeshiva. These are all expressions of honoring a parent after death.
Yet the greatest merit and nachas children can give a departed father or mother is to live in peace and harmony with their siblings. That is the ultimate testimony that the parents raised their children with good character which in turn brings about a beautiful sanctification of G-d’s name.

Sefer Emrei Cohen

Wishing all of you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

YOUNG ISRAEL ANNUAL DINNER

Honorees
Batya & Meir Cosiol and Reuven & Iris Herssein

The Dinner will take place in our beautiful social hall on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Please become a sponsor or benefactor and support our most important fund raising event of the year.

Upcoming Scholar-in-Residence Shabbatons

- Rabbi Shmuel Goldin: January 20-21, 2017 – Friday Night Dinner. Please call or email your reservations as soon as possible. Deadline for reservation is Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- Rabbi Yitzchak Shochet: February 17-18, 2017 – Friday Night Dinner

The 2017 Membership Directory of our Young Israel is now available. You can pick one up from the Young Israel office, or you can call the office and request that we either mail you a hard copy or email you a pdf.

Yasher Koach to the sponsors of the Directory:

Penny & Stuart Harris, Mali & Steve Schwartz and Susan & Aaron Weinberg.

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Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored in merit of Refuah Shlayma of Nechama, bat Sara & Arye Leib Ben Sara; and Shimmy Gardyn in honor of the birthday of his dear friend, Isaac Samuel.
- This week’s Hashkama minyan kiddush is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Seymour Pinewski in honor of Fred Farbman and Saul Spitz in getting the Hashkama Minyan up and running at 8:00 each Shabbos.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Father and Child learning this week on Motzei Shabbos starting at 7:30pm, (NOTE LATER START TIME) with Pizza and prizes!!! Last week’s Father and Child Learning was sponsored by Rabbi Avi & Sarah Fried and Family in memory of their grandfather, Rabbi Yitzchok ben Rabbi Yaakov Kopel z”l on his yahrzeit this past Motzei Shabbos, Asarah B’Teves.
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
- Any parents of youth who would like for their children to volunteer as part of our Purim preparations, please speak to Rabbi Fried.
- Any 8th grader or High School teen who would still like to attend an out of town Shabbaton on February 17-18 and ski trip on Sunday during President’s Weekend, please contact Rabbi Fried.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being part of a weekly Skype session and/or attend a Shabbaton and the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC, please email Rabbifried@yicbh.org.

Classes and Upcoming Events

- Ladies Tehillim Group - Mondays at 10:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Lunch & Learn – Monday at 11:30AM in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays - 10:00AM - 12:00Noon - with Rebbetzin Rucha Baumann – For Women Only
- Beis Midrash Night - Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Father and Child - Motzei Shabbos at 7:00PM.
- Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - The Soul Series: Rabbi Moshe Weinberger at 8:00PM. Topic: The Greatest Miracle in the World “The Jewish People.”
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - The Soul Series: Rabbi Yissocher Frand at 8:00PM. Topic: 2000 Years of Jewish History Encapsulated into Two Words...
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